

1
2
3
4
5
6
7 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
9 WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON

10 - - -
11 JAMES DERRICK O'NEAL, :
12 Petitioner, :
13 vs. : CASE NO. 1:02-cv-357
14 MARGARET BAGLEY, WARDEN, : (Judge Barrett)
15 Respondent. :
16 - - -

17 DEPOSITION

18 of KENNETH FRANCIS TAYLOR, taken before me, Carol A. Metz,
19 Registered Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and
20 for the State of Ohio at Large, pursuant to agreement of
21 counsel, as on Cross-Examination, at 3851 Germania Street,
22 in the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton, and State
23 of Ohio, on Monday, the 5th day of November, 2007,
24 beginning at 9:45 A.M.
25 - - -

1 APPEARANCES:

2 On Behalf of the Petitioner(s):

3 MICHAEL W. KRUMHOLTZ, ESQ.
4 and
5 STEVEN DANKOF, JR., ESQ.
6 BIESER, GREER & LANDIS
7 400 National City Center
8 6 North Main Street
9 Dayton, Ohio 45402

7 On Behalf of the Respondent(s):

8 STEPHEN E. MAHER, ESQ.
9 OFFICE OF THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL
10 23rd Floor, Capital Crimes
11 30 E. Broad Street
12 Columbus, Ohio 43215
13 - - -

17 INDEX TO EXAMINATION

18 KENNETH FRANCIS TAYLOR	PAGE
19 Cross-Examination by Mr. Krumholtz.....	4
20 Examination by Mr. Maher.....	19

21 - - -

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

EXAMINATION BY EXHIBITS

DEFENDANT'S EXHIBITS

INTRODUCED

A - Section 8 lease document..... 7

- -

1 MR. KRUMHOLTZ: Why don't you swear Mr. Taylor.

2 KENNETH FRANCIS TAYLOR

3 a witness of lawful age, being by me first duly
4 cautioned and sworn, testified on his oath as follows:

5 - - -

6 CROSS-EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. KRUMHOLTZ:

8 Q Sir, would you give your full name.

9 A Kenneth Francis Taylor.

10 Q We are here at your home for this deposition,
11 and what is your current home address?

12 A 3851 Germania Street or Avenue -- they can't
13 figure out which -- 45227, Cincinnati, Ohio.

14 Q How long have you lived at this address?

15 A Oh, about 3 years, give or take a year.

16 Q How are you currently employed, sir?

17 A Self. I flip houses, and I own rental property.

18 Q Did you ever have any connection to a residence
19 at 4938 Plainville Road in Madisonville, Ohio?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Did you ever have an ownership interest in that
22 residence?

23 A Yes, I did.

24 Q In fact, were you the sole owner of that
25 particular residence?

1 A Sole owner. I am not sure if I had my trust
2 together then, let's see, or not. So I was a sole owner,
3 but I might have had a trust set up by then. I think the
4 trust was set up in '95. So just to make it easy, we'll
5 just say yes.

6 Q In terms of the trust, was that created for the
7 ownership of that particular location?

8 A No, several, 14 properties at that time.

9 Q Including the location at 4938 Plainville Road?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And that location at Plainville Road was in
12 Madisonville, Ohio?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Is that in the greater Cincinnati, Ohio, area?

15 A Yes.

16 Q How long did you have an ownership interest in
17 that property on Plainville Road?

18 A How long? From, okay, from about '81 till 2000.

19 Q Do you know a man named James O'Neal, sometimes
20 referred to as Dirk O'Neal?

21 A Yes. D-I-R-K?

22 Q D-I-R-K.

23 A I think it was D-I-R-T.

24 Q My understanding, it is D-I-R-K, but maybe your
25 understanding is better than mine.

1 A Could be wrong, it doesn't matter.

2 Q But James O'Neal is somebody that you know?

3 A I have met him briefly, 2 or 3, 4, 5 times.

4 Q When did you first meet James O'Neal?

5 A On the front porch of that house there. He and
6 his mother's boyfriend wanted to look at the house. It
7 was a house for rent, and I would accept Section 8. So
8 they were looking at it.

9 Q Do you remember what year that would have been?

10 A '81, I would say.

11 Q Did you know Mr. O'Neal's wife, Carol O'Neal?

12 A I have met her, yes.

13 Q In what connection did you meet Carol O'Neal?

14 A Same situation.

15 Q Was it related to that property at 4938
16 Plainville Road?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Did you have any kind of business relationship
19 with the O'Neals relating to that property?

20 A No -- I can't say -- yes, I guess. They were
21 tenants. So --

22 Q That was my next question. Were you the
23 landlord for James and Carol O'Neal when they lived in
24 that property at 4938 Plainville Road in Madisonville?

25 A Yes.

1 MR. KRUMHOLTZ: Carol, why don't you mark this
2 as Exhibit A.

3 (Marked Defendant's Exhibit A.)

4 BY MR. KRUMHOLTZ:

5 Q Mr. Taylor, let me show you a document. I will
6 give you a couple minutes to take a look at it. I have
7 given a copy to Steve.

8 A I may have never seen this. They don't always
9 mail these to you, and it doesn't seem like they lived
10 there very long.

11 Q Well, let me ask you this. Go to, if you would,
12 the second to the last page of the document.

13 A Okay.

14 Q Does your name appear on that second to the last
15 page?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Does your signature appear on that page?

18 A I signed this. Then okay, I have seen it.

19 Q And below your signature is another signature,
20 and can you tell us who signed in that location?

21 A Carol O'Neal.

22 Q And in signing this, is that an indication that
23 you would have seen the entire document?

24 A Oh, I would say so, because I am in the habit of
25 reading documents. I see a mistake on the date, 8-27-93,

1 and I said -- I am not sure when I said they moved in. I
2 have no idea what their tenancy was. I see it says I
3 signed this 8-27-93, so I signed that. That's my
4 signature.

5 Q Just so we are clear for our record. What is
6 that document, sir?

7 A This is a -- this is a Section 8 lease. Housing
8 assistance -- they have a name for this, but it's a
9 Section 8 lease. It's their part of the rent that is paid
10 to me.

11 Q And is this a particular lease that dealt with
12 that property at 4938 Plainville Road in Madisonville,
13 Ohio?

14 A I would say yes. This probably wasn't altered
15 very much from any others that was used at the time.

16 Q Are you shown here as the landlord on this
17 lease?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And does this lease indicate who the tenant or
20 tenants are for that particular residential location?

21 A Why would it miss -- why would it list her
22 stepsons and not him?

23 Q Well, let me ask you about that. Does this list
24 Carol O'Neal, first of all, as the person who rented that
25 property?

1 A Well, I remember meeting both of them, but
2 usually the woman -- typically on Section 8 the woman has
3 the rent, what is that, the lessee.

4 Q Lessee?

5 A Lessee, because a lot of times families break
6 up, and they want the woman to still have the house.

7 Q Going to that second to the last page, where
8 Carol O'Neal signed the lease, did she do so as the
9 tenant?

10 A Apparently.

11 Q Now, is there any reference -- let me refer you
12 to page 3 of the lease. Is there any reference in the
13 lease to James O'Neal?

14 A Page 3, I would say, yes.

15 Q Is Mr. O'Neal, James O'Neal listed as someone
16 who will be occupying those premises along with some other
17 people?

18 A I would say so.

19 Q And who are the other people that are listed
20 with Mr. O'Neal, James O'Neal, as being permitted
21 occupants of the premises?

22 A Let's see, I was under the impression he had 2
23 sons and she had 2 children. I don't know the -- I
24 thought they were both sons, but apparently one of them
25 was a daughter. So 3 sons -- let's see, no. Well, yeah,

1 3 sons and a daughter.

2 Q Is the relationship of James O'Neal to Carol
3 O'Neal set out in that portion of the lease? Does it
4 indicate what his relationship is to Carol O'Neal?

5 A Husband, yes.

6 Q Based on your personal knowledge, Mr. Taylor,
7 was James O'Neal living at that address with Carol O'Neal
8 at any point in time before her death?

9 A One time for sure I was over there working on
10 the furnace, and she came down to the basement and was
11 kind of watching me light the furnace, and then he was
12 home, and he came down, was talking to me. So one time
13 for sure I saw him in the house.

14 Q Do you know if James O'Neal had a key to that
15 residence at any time before Carol O'Neal was killed?

16 A I would imagine. I can't remember specifically
17 giving him a key, but then, you know, in 14 years time or,
18 you know, you are bound to forget one.

19 Q As the landlord to different residences, are you
20 the person that gives the key to the tenants?

21 A Let me think about Section 8. Sometimes Section
22 8 wants you to give them the key before, before this is
23 signed, and I will never do that, because I think that's
24 bad business, but yeah, that's usually my job.

25 Q Let me speak in general, and then I'm going to

1 go to the specific of this residence, but generally in
2 your residences where you are the landlord, if the tenant
3 asks for the locks to be changed in a residence that you
4 own, who changes the locks? Is it done by the tenant, is
5 it done by you as the landlord, or is it a combination of
6 both?

7 A Usually me.

8 Q Is there a reason for that?

9 A Well, if I do it, it will probably work, but if
10 they are kind of mechanically inclined -- look at my own
11 house here. No dead bolt lock on the front door. But
12 anyway, you know, if the tenant is mechanically inclined
13 and I can con him to changing the lock, I probably will,
14 but people don't usually change locks.

15 Q Do you know regarding the residence at 4938
16 Plainville Road in Madisonville where Carol O'Neal was
17 living before her death, do you know if the locks for that
18 residence were changed at any time during the period that
19 Carol O'Neal lived there?

20 A I'd say no, as far as I know, you know, because
21 I can remember what happened. Did I tell you the little
22 story the other day about the locks?

23 Q No, but go ahead.

24 A Okay. Well, she called me, said she was having
25 a restraining order issued against him. This must have

1 been on a Monday or a Tuesday or a Wednesday.

2 I said, "Oh, boy, really?"

3 And she said, "Yeah, he hit me."

4 So she says, "Can you change the lock?"

5 I said, "Sure."

6 I said, "Do you want me to come right now, or do
7 you want me to come tomorrow or whatever?"

8 So of course, I couldn't get ahold of her,
9 because she worked 4 jobs. In the meantime I was
10 thinking, man, he is a co-tenant of the house. Wouldn't
11 you be mad if you got home and your locks were changed?
12 So I couldn't get ahold of her. I just kind of let it
13 drop.

14 Saturday night there is helicopters flying over
15 the house, she is dead, shot through the bedroom door. So
16 you know, I didn't change the lock, but it wasn't really
17 because of my negligence, and that's kind of a tricky
18 thing to change a lock on somebody anyway.

19 Q The person that asked you, based on what you
20 just told us, the person that asked to you change the
21 locks, that was Carol O'Neal?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And that was before her death?

24 A Right.

25 Q And based on what you just told us, you had no

1 involvement in changing locks at that location where Carol
2 O'Neal was living in Madisonville at any point before she
3 was killed?

4 A Correct.

5 Q Do you know if anyone else changed the locks to
6 that residential location from the time that Carol O'Neal
7 called you and asked you to do it to the point that she
8 was killed?

9 A Not that I am aware of, and from what I
10 understand, the front door was not locked when Mr. O'Neal
11 got there on Saturday night. I am not even positive it
12 was a Saturday night. I think it was, but the door was
13 not locked. Plus, he crashed through the -- it had
14 beveled glass, and he crashed through that to get in the
15 house. So he didn't even need a lock.

16 Q When did you first learn that Carol O'Neal had
17 been killed?

18 A Well, I rode by the house there. They had just
19 opened up the Kroger's there in Mariemont, and I had these
20 chickens that they, rotisserie-baked chickens, and oh, my
21 God. So anyway, I was on a date with this new girlfriend,
22 and right then there was helicopters and police cars. I
23 could hardly get up to the front of the house.

24 Then there was this cop there in the front yard
25 named Bachelor, and I said, "What happened?"

1 He goes, "Oh, she got shot."

2 I said, "She going to be all right?"

3 He goes, "I hope so."

4 So I went home, called UC Medical Center, and
5 they said she was deceased.

6 Q Did you have an occasion after Carol O'Neal's
7 death to examine the condition of that residential
8 location?

9 A Yes.

10 Q When was the first time that you did that after
11 Carol O'Neal's death?

12 A Probably on Monday morning, because her family
13 was there.

14 Q When you say Monday morning, would this have
15 been the Monday morning --

16 A Following.

17 Q -- following her death?

18 A Yes.

19 Q When you examined the location at 4938
20 Plainville Road on that occasion, did you notice that the
21 locks had been changed in any way?

22 A That was the furthest thing from my mind. I
23 can't say yes or no. You know, you are standing around,
24 there is a bunch of children. Then I saw her oldest son
25 was 17, and he had been pistol whipped by James. He did a

1 good job.

2 Q When you examined that residence that Monday
3 following Carol O'Neal's death, what was the condition of
4 the residence? What did you notice?

5 A Well, a lot of things. They had 2 or 3 places
6 in the ceiling where the water had run over the bathtub,
7 and there was a hole in the back bedroom door, a bullet
8 hole, and place was just kind of a mess, you know,
9 roaches.

10 Q What about the front door to the residence; did
11 you notice the condition of the front door at that point?

12 A Well, the glass was gone.

13 Q When you say the glass was gone, what kind of
14 door was that?

15 A The door similar to my storm door, but you know.
16 an antique. It was a beveled glass door.

17 Q And when you say the glass was gone, was it
18 broken, or had it been removed?

19 A Oh, it was shattered.

20 Q Was the frame of the door damaged in any way, if
21 you can remember?

22 A I don't think so, because I fixed that door with
23 plywood, if I remember right.

24 Q Was there a second door beyond the door with the
25 beveled glass, or just that particular door?

1 A Just that door.

2 Q Sir, did you testify at the trial of James
3 O'Neal which was held in Cincinnati?

4 A I don't believe so. I will tell you why. One
5 reason I didn't answer whoever's letter was -- and I will
6 tell you why. They had a court hearing, and then I was
7 all ready to go, nervous and everything, and then I called
8 down there.

9 And they said, "Oh, that was," not set aside,
10 "postponed. Didn't they let you know?"

11 That happened several times.

12 Q I was going to ask. Were you ever subpoenaed to
13 testify in that particular case?

14 A Probably.

15 Q But in terms of actually being called in and
16 testifying at the trial, that did not occur. Am I right?

17 A I don't know.

18 Q Do you remember testifying in --

19 A No, I don't remember testifying.

20 Q -- Mr. O'Neal's trial?

21 A No, but that doesn't mean I wasn't subpoenaed
22 and then they postponed it.

23 Q I understand, but in terms of actually coming to
24 court and testifying, that's something you did not do?

25 A Not that I remember.

1 Q Before Carol O'Neal's death, had anyone told you
2 as the landlord that James O'Neal was not permitted in
3 that residence?

4 A No. One thing I did learn was it takes awhile
5 to issue a restraining order, and they were supposedly
6 trying to blame this on the police.

7 Q Go ahead, we'll go off the record. You need to
8 answer your phone.

9 (An off-the-record discussion was had.)

10 Q We talked about giving keys to this residence to
11 the tenant, and you said you didn't know whether you did
12 that in this case or not. In cases where you have a
13 situation like we have in this lease, where Carol O'Neal
14 has signed the lease as the tenant, but there is another
15 adult, her husband, in this case James O'Neal, who is
16 listed as an occupant of that residence, would you if you
17 were giving the keys out customarily give the tenant more
18 than one key?

19 A Oh, yeah.

20 Q How would that work? What would you do?

21 A I just give out how many they want, and
22 typically they will get copies made down at the hardware
23 store.

24 Q So you would give them one, and then it would be
25 up to --

1 A Or 2, so yeah, they usually get copies made.

2 Q Did you ever receive a return of any keys to the
3 residence at 4938 Plainville Road in Madisonville after
4 Carol O'Neal's death? Did you ever get any keys back?

5 A I doubt it, and I don't remember. You know, I
6 really -- the only person that probably returned the keys
7 would have been one of the families, and they, you know, I
8 don't think that thought ever occurred to them.

9 Q Were you the person that repaired the door to
10 this residence after the death of Carol O'Neal?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Did you change locks to the residence at that
13 time, if you can remember?

14 A Probably not. I didn't figure James would need
15 it anymore.

16 Q Let me look at one other sheet, and I may be
17 done.

18 A I think the door is totally gone. I think the
19 guy that rehabbed it that I sold it to, I think he
20 changed, put in what they call, my memory is, let's see,
21 pre-hung, pre-hung door. That means it's got, you know,
22 the frame with it.

23 Q This was, this door -- let me finish with this
24 question. This door that you have described for us was a
25 door with a wooden frame and beveled glass in the middle

1 of the wooden frame?

2 A Right.

3 Q How big was the section of glass?

4 A Not -- it didn't take up quite as much area as
5 that piece of glass there, (indicating).

6 MR. MAHER: Can you give us foot dimensions?

7 BY MR. KRUMHOLTZ:

8 Q That's what I was going to ask for.

9 A 3 feet by 72.

10 Q For the glass?

11 A That would be the door. So let's knock off 6
12 inches on each side. Let's knock off 10 inches at the
13 bottom and 6 inches at the top.

14 Q That would be the dimensions?

15 A Of the glass -- I mean, the glass was huge and
16 heavy. So was the door. The door, it was a beautiful
17 door. That's why I spent quite awhile trying to restore
18 it.

19 Q I don't have any other questions. Steve may
20 have some questions for you.

21 EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. MAHER:

23 Q Tell me about that phone call. She calls you
24 up. What do you recollect?

25 A Oh, you mean James called me?

1 Q No -- no, when she called you up, when Carol
2 called you up.

3 A You mean when she -- oh, that phone call. I
4 thought you meant the first phone call, the initial
5 contact.

6 Q No -- no -- no. When she calls up, gets ahold
7 of you, says --

8 A Just real nice, real calm.

9 She said, "Ken, can you -- can you change the
10 locks?"

11 And I said, "How come?"

12 She goes, "Oh, he hit me," she said.

13 And she says, "How soon can you do it?"

14 I said, "Immediately," because I always have
15 extra locks around.

16 So I would have done it, like I said, I would
17 have done it that night or the next day. So she was doing
18 something that night. The next day I called, and she
19 wasn't there. She was at work. She worked, that job was
20 at UDF there at Red Bank Expressway in Madison. And so I
21 just kind of let it drop, you know. It was just a short
22 conversation from what I remember. She didn't seem too,
23 too scared or anything.

24 Q Now, when she called you, was it on a Tuesday in
25 reference to she got killed Saturday?

1 A It was either a Monday or Tuesday or Wednesday.
2 I am not exactly sure. Seemed like it was Monday or
3 Tuesday.

4 Q But let's say from your recollection it wouldn't
5 have been the day before?

6 A No.

7 Q It would have been --

8 A Wasn't the day before, because there was a few
9 days that I sort of forgot about it, but not really, you
10 know. You got this big problem, and all of a sudden it
11 seems like it's going away on its own, and boom, you know,
12 it didn't go away, but --

13 Q Now, this is just your recollection. When she
14 called you up that Tuesday, Wednesday, that type of time
15 frame, how would she have known how to get ahold of you?

16 A She had my phone number, of course. If you want
17 to know what date it was for sure, find out what day she
18 had that restraining order. It wasn't issued yet, but it
19 was --

20 Q In the works?

21 A In the works, yeah. If you want to know exactly
22 what day, because I imagine that day that she got the
23 restraining order in gear, that's the day she called me.

24 Q Now, any particular reason why you think that?
25 Was it something she said?

1 A No -- no -- well, just common sense. I would
2 think if she was going to go through the trouble of going
3 to the police station, that immediately after that she
4 called me and would want -- I don't know. I was kind of
5 wondering where she got the idea that a landlord is going
6 to change the locks on a husband.

7 Q But nevertheless, she called you not, I mean,
8 just to chit-chat or --

9 A No -- no -- no, she wanted the locks changed.

10 Q Now, what -- I am just, just curious. You were
11 being responsive, and you said, "Okay. Well, Carol, when
12 do you want this done?"

13 And was it she was the one that was saying like,
14 "Hey, right away," or --

15 A Right.

16 Q So she said, "I want the locks changed, and I
17 want, Ken, I want them changed right away"?

18 A She might not have said that exactly.

19 Q Well --

20 A But she was the one -- she definitely wanted it
21 changed. When she wasn't there the next night, I was kind
22 of relieved because, you know, do you want to get in
23 between a fight of a husband and wife?

24 Q I understand that.

25 A And there is legalities of it. I still don't

1 know them.

2 Q I understand that. Now, did you go over to the
3 house to change the locks?

4 A No.

5 Q You were --

6 A I called, called ahead.

7 Q Okay. You called her house?

8 A Right.

9 Q And what happened?

10 A She wasn't there.

11 Q Did you talk to one of the kids, do you think?

12 A I must have.

13 Q But anyway, whoever you talked to, it wasn't
14 her?

15 A And it wasn't James.

16 Q It wasn't James?

17 A Because I would have remembered that.

18 Q Now, this is just your recollection. When you
19 called over there, would you have called the same day she
20 called you, or would it have been like maybe the next day?

21 A Oh, it was the next day.

22 Q Next day?

23 A Because I offered to do it that night or
24 immediately, and she was busy, and she said -- I said,
25 "How about tomorrow night?"

1 And she says, "Okay."

2 So I called her, wasn't there. She might have
3 been called in to work. That could have been.

4 Q She would -- for you to do -- for you to change
5 the locks, you would want her at the premises; is that
6 right?

7 A I'd prefer.

8 Q If she would have -- when she called you the day
9 she called you and, you know, whatever you guys were
10 talking about, if she was going to be home that evening,
11 would you have changed, or would you have gone over there
12 that night?

13 A Sure.

14 Q Now, the door, maybe using your door as an
15 example. Now, I know you have given us the dimensions,
16 and I understand how that beveled glass, you have thick
17 wood surrounding beveled glass, kind of an antique type
18 door.

19 A Uh-huh.

20 Q Now, based upon how it was broken -- well,
21 first, was it just the glass that was broken, or was the
22 actual, the little --

23 A The wood broken?

24 Q Was the wood broken?

25 A I doubt it, because it was that thick,

1 (indicating).

2 Q The wood?

3 A Of real wood. It wasn't some play wood. It was
4 real wood. It was the original door to the house. Matter
5 of fact, when I bought the house, I found the door down in
6 the basement and I, you know, reinstalled it, but you
7 know, it was just the glass, but that was some serious
8 glass too.

9 Q Okay. Now, when you say that, you are talking
10 in terms of thickness?

11 A Exactly. Well, James -- James O'Neal was a
12 serious guy. I mean, he was --

13 Q Physically big, you mean?

14 A Exactly, very strong guy. You'd have to crash
15 through that once very hard to break it, because beveled,
16 number one, it has to be thick enough to bevel, you know.
17 You just can't take some old, you know, thin.

18 Q Regular window glass?

19 A Right, and bevel it. I mean, this was real
20 thick. Matter of fact, it was so expensive I didn't
21 replace it. I think I just put plywood in its place, if I
22 remember right.

23 Q Did anybody -- did you talk to anybody about the
24 actual, how James O'Neal got in, or did you say --

25 A I must have heard it. Somebody told me that he

1 crashed through the front door, and somebody told me it
2 wasn't locked.

3 Q Basically it didn't need to be crashed through
4 to begin with?

5 A Right, and I guess he didn't know it was
6 unlocked.

7 Q And this is just based upon what maybe somebody
8 might have told you; is that right?

9 A Right -- right.

10 Q Is it he crashed through the door because your
11 recollection is somebody told you he must have thought it
12 was locked, because it wasn't locked?

13 A Right, correct.

14 Q Now, the window -- if you remember that beveled
15 glass, was that totally out, or were there pieces still
16 hanging in there?

17 A The guy that just called might know the answer
18 to that question.

19 Q Why is that?

20 A Because he was there.

21 Q Is that right?

22 A He worked for me at the time.

23 Q Well, good for you. So you are staying in touch
24 with your friends. Good for you.

25 A I know all the guys that used to work for me.

1 Matter of fact, first guy worked for me 30 years ago, he
2 is working for me again.

3 Q Good for you, yes, good for you.

4 Do you remember anything specific about somebody
5 saying how James got in, or is it just general
6 recollection?

7 A General recollection. Somebody must have told
8 me that stuff, because I didn't imagine it.

9 Q Okay.

10 A I can't tell you who told me or, you know.

11 Q All right. Well, I appreciate it, Mr. Taylor.

12 MR. KRUMHOLTZ: Mr. Taylor, I don't have any
13 other questions for you. You have a right to review the
14 transcript to make sure it's an accurate recording of what
15 you said, or you can waive that right where you say, hey,
16 I don't care, I don't need to see it again. But that's up
17 to you. Nobody here represents you, whatever you want to
18 do.

19 THE WITNESS: Have you ever had anybody do that?

20 MR. KRUMHOLTZ: Take a look at it to make sure
21 it's accurate? I have people do both; people that say I
22 want to see it, and then Carol has to send it to you. You
23 have to review it, get it back to her. I have had people
24 waive it, say I trust in her accuracy.

25 THE WITNESS: Can I get a copy of it and keep

1 it?

2 MR. KRUMHOLTZ: To get a copy, she charges for
3 that. That's how she makes money. Depends on the number
4 of pages when she has transcribed it.

5 THE WITNESS: How much would it be?

6 (An off-the-record discussion was had.)

7 MR. KRUMHOLTZ: So based on our off-the-record
8 discussion --

9 THE WITNESS: I don't need it.

10 MR. KRUMHOLTZ: -- do you want to waive your
11 right to review the deposition?

12 THE WITNESS: Right.

13 MR. KRUMHOLTZ: All set. Thanks for your
14 hospitality.

15 (Deposition concluded 10:17 A.M.)

16 - - -

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25


1 STATE OF OHIO :
2 : ss C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-E
3 COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY :

4 I, Carol A. Metz, Registered Professional
5 Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio at
6 Large, duly commissioned and qualified;

7 DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above named KENNETH
8 FRANCIS TAYLOR, was by me first sworn to testify to the
9 truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; that
10 his testimony was recorded by me in stenotype and
11 thereafter reduced to typewriting; that the signature of
12 the Witness was expressly waived; and was taken at the
13 time and place hereinabove set forth, by agreement of
14 counsel as stated.

15 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative or
16 attorney of either party, nor in any manner interested in
17 the event of the action.

18 IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand
19 and affixed my seal of office on the 7th day of November,
20 2007.

21
22 
23 CAROL A. METZ, RPR
24 NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF OHIO
25 My Commission Expires 10-30-2012
- - -

Whereas, Kenneth Taylor, the landlord, agrees to rent to Carol O'Neal, the tenant, the dwelling unit located at 4938 Plainville Road, Madisonville, OH 45227, under the Section 8 Existing Housing Program administered by the Hamilton County Department of Community Development, the following provisions shall apply:

TERMS OF LEASE

The term of the Lease shall begin on Sept. 1, 1993 and shall continue until (1) a termination of the Lease by the landlord in accordance with paragraph (K) of this section, (2) a termination of the Lease by the Tenant in accordance with the Lease or by mutual agreement during the term of the Lease, or (3) termination of the Contract by the PHA.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS OR HOUSING VOUCHER CONTRACT

The landlord will enter into a Housing Assistance Payments or Housing Voucher Contract ("Contract") with a Public Housing Agency ("PHA") under the Section 8 Existing Housing Program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Under the Contract, the PHA will make housing assistance payments to the Landlord to assist the Family, of which the Tenant is the representative, to lease the dwelling unit from the Landlord.

CONFLICT WITH OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE LEASE

In case of any conflict between the provisions of this section of the Lease and any other provisions of the Lease, the provisions of this section shall prevail.

RENT

1. The amount of the total monthly Landlord during the term of the "Contract Rent") shall be determined in accordance with the Contract between the Landlord and the PHA.
2. The portion of the Contract Rent payable by the Tenant ("Tenant Rent") shall be an amount determined by the PHA in accordance with HUD regulations and requirements. The amount of the tenant rent is subject to change as determined by the PHA during the term of the Lease. Any change in the amount of the tenant rent will be stated in a written notice by the PHA to the Tenant and the Landlord, stating the new amount and the effective date of the change. Initially and until such change the Tenant agrees to pay \$ 73.00 per month to the Landlord as the tenant rent. The tenant rent as determined by the PHA is the maximum amount the Landlord can require the Tenant to pay as rent for the dwelling unit, including all services, maintenance and utilities to be provided by the Landlord in accordance with the Lease. Each month, the PHA will pay a housing assistance payment to the Landlord on behalf of the Tenant Family in accordance with the Contract. The monthly housing payment is the difference between the Contract Rent and Tenant Rent. Therefore, the total rent shall be \$ 542.00 per month. The tenant shall pay \$ 73.00 per month and the Hamilton County Section 8 Program shall pay \$ 469.00 per month.

Rent installments are due and payable on the first of each month in advance. Payment shall be made to the Landlord or the Landlord's agent by cash, check or money order.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: (Please Print Clearly)

Kenneth Taylor 6226 Orchard Le. Cincinnati 45213
NAME ADDRESS ZIP CODE

- 7 If the Landlord fails to receive the Tenant's monthly installment on or before the fifth (5th) day of the month in which it is due, the Tenant shall pay to the Landlord a late charge of ~~\$25~~ ^{\$133}, unless prior written arrangements have been made. If the Tenant is more than 5 days late in rent payments, the Landlord is to notify the Hamilton County Section 8 Program.

SECURITY DEPOSIT

1. The tenant has deposited ~~\$133~~ ^{\$82} with the Landlord as security deposit. The Landlord will comply with HUD regulations regarding security deposits from a Tenant, and shall not collect a security deposit which is more than the maximum amount permitted under the regulations.
2. The Landlord will hold the security deposit during the period the Tenant Family occupies the dwelling unit under the Lease. The Landlord shall comply with State and local laws regarding interest payments on security deposits.
3. After the Tenant Family has moved from the dwelling unit, the Landlord may (subject to State and local laws) use the security deposit, including any interest on the deposit, as reimbursement for any rent payable by the Tenant or other amounts which the Tenant owes under the Lease. The Landlord will give the Tenant a written list of all items charged against the security deposit and the amount of each item. After deducting the amount used as reimbursement to the Landlord, the Landlord shall promptly refund the full amount of the balance to the Tenant.
4. The Tenant agrees to pay rent so long as he inhabits the premises, to keep the apartment clean and to leave the apartment in a clean and rentable condition. In the event the Tenant pays the rent due and complies with such covenant and conditions, and surrenders the premises in good condition at the expiration of the term of the Lease or any such renewals or extensions, said sum without interest thereon, unless required by law, shall be returned to the Tenant, less any deductions made for the cost of repairing damages to the premises caused by the Tenant, his family, dependents, guests and/or visitors, reasonable wear and tear expected, or rent or other charges owed by the Tenant.
5. Tenant shall, in compliance with Ohio Rev. Code 5321.16, provide the Landlord in writing with forwarding address or new address to which the Landlord shall send the list described in paragraph 3 above and the refund due the tenant (if any).
6. The security deposit may not be used as rent payment while the Tenant resides on the premises.

UTILITIES AND APPLIANCES

1. The Landlord shall pay for the following utilities without any additional charge to the Tenant:
Garbage Collection
2. The Tenant shall pay for the following utilities:
Heat, Electric, Water/Sewer, Water Heating, Cooking Fuel
3. The Landlord shall provide the following appliances without any additional charge to the Tenant:
Range/Refrigerator
4. The Tenant shall provide following appliances:
None

G. OCCUPANCY

1. The Tenant shall personally use and occupy the premises solely as a private dwelling for the people listed below:

	NAME	RELATIONSHIP
1.	Carol O'Neal	Self
2.	James O'Neal	Husband
3.	Richardos Lee	Son
4.	Sanchel Lee	Son
5.	Lashawnda Lee	Daughter
6.	Clarence Cody	Son
7.		
8.		

2. The Tenant may have temporary visitors. The same visitor may not stay over night more than four (4) times within any month without written permission from the Landlord.
3. The Tenant must receive written approval from the Landlord and the Section 8 Office for additional occupants prior to their occupancy.

H. MAINTENANCE AND SERVICES

1. The Landlord shall maintain the dwelling unit, equipment and appliances, and common areas and facilities, to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing in accordance with the Housing Quality Standards (24 CFR Section 882.109 and 887.251) for the Section 8 Existing Housing Program, including the provision of all the services, maintenance and utilities set forth in the Lease.
2. The Landlord shall respond with reasonable promptness to calls for service consistent with this section, and normally begin repairs within 5 days, depending on the nature of the repair.

I. USE OF PROPERTY

1. The Tenant shall use the premises in such a manner as to comply with all local, state and federal laws. The Tenant shall not use the premises or permit it to be used for any disorderly or unlawful purpose in any manner offensive to other occupants of the building.
2. The Tenant shall not remodel or make any structural changes to the premises, nor shall the Tenant attach or remove any fixtures or locks, without the Landlord's prior written permission.
3. The Landlord shall supply the Tenant's apartment with electric light bulbs, fuses and fluorescent starters at the time the Tenant moves in. The Tenant is to furnish replacements thereafter and leave said replacements when the Tenant moves out.
4. Pets are permitted only with written consent of the Landlord.
5. No trash, trash cans or garbage receptacles shall be placed in patios, stoops, or public halls at any time. No signs, laundry or personal property shall be hung or placed in the public hall or on the exterior of any building or yard area.
6. The Tenant shall not commit any act which will unreasonably interfere with the rights, comforts, or

- conveniences of other tenants or occupants. The Tenant shall keep the volume of any radio, television or musical instruments sufficiently reduced at all times, so as not to disturb other occupants in the building.
7. The Landlord reserves the right to enter the unit for maintenance, to determine the condition of the unit, and to show the unit to building inspectors, appraisers, prospective buyers, etc., on reasonable notice and at reasonable times. The unit may also be shown to prospective renters after the tenant has given the Landlord notice to move.
 8. If the tenant moves out and fails to remove any of his/her personal property within 5 days, then the personal property shall be deemed abandoned.
 9. Failure of the Post Office to deliver a certified letter to the Tenant shall be considered bonafide evidence that the Tenant has vacated the unit.

J. INVENTORY

The following equipment is now on the premises. The Lessee agrees to maintain it in its present condition, reasonable wear and tear expected:

ITEMS	BRAND	NUMBER	COLOR	CONDITION
Refrigerator	<u>TENANT TO SUPPLY - OWNER FURNISHING TEMPORARILY</u>			E G F P
Stove	<u>TENANT TO SUPPLY</u>			E G F P
Carpet/Floor	<u>CARPET IN FRONT HALL & KITCHEN</u>			NEW G F P
Drapes/Shades	<u>—</u>			E G F P
Cabinets	<u>KITCHEN</u>			E G F P
Storm Windows	<u>IN BASEMENT (STORED)</u>			E G F P
Screens	<u>SCREEN DOOR FRONT & REAR</u>			E <u>G</u> F P
Other Items	<u>—</u>			E G F P

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

K. TERMINATION OF TENANCY BY LANDLORD

1. The Landlord shall not terminate the tenancy except for:
 - i. Serious or repeated violation of the terms and conditions of the Lease;
 - ii. Violation of Federal, State, or local law which imposes obligations on a tenant in connection with the occupancy or use of the dwelling unit and surrounding premises;
 - iii. Other good cause. However, during the first year of the term of the Lease, the owner may not terminate the tenancy for "other good cause" unless the termination is based on malfeasance or nonfeasance of the Tenant Family.

The following are some examples of "other good cause" for termination of tenancy by the Landlord. (i) failure by the Tenant Family to accept the offer of a new Lease in accordance with paragraph L of this section; (ii) Tenant Family history of disturbance of neighbors or destruction of property; or of living or housekeeping habits resulting in damage to the unit or property; (iii) criminal activity by Tenant Family members involving crimes of physical violence to persons or property or use, or distribution of controlled

substances; (iv) the Landlord's desire to utilize the unit for personal or family use or for a purpose other than use as a residential rent unit; (v) a business or economic reason for termination of tenancy (such as sale of the property, renovation of the unit, desire to rent the unit at a higher rental). This list of examples is intended as a non-exclusive statement of some situations included in "other good cause", but shall in no way be construed as a limitation on the application of "other good cause" to situations not included in the list. The Owner may not terminate the tenancy during the first year of the term of the Lease, pursuant to paragraph K (1) (iii), for the grounds stated in paragraph K (2) (i), K (2) (iv) or K (2) (v) of this section.

3. The Landlord may evict the Tenant from the unit only by instituting a court action. The Landlord must notify the PHA in writing of the commencement of procedures for termination of tenancy, at the same time that the Landlord gives notice to the Tenant under State or local law. The notice to the PHA may be given by furnishing the PHA a copy of the notice to the Tenant.

L. RENEWAL OF LEASE/OFFER OF NEW LEASE

Prior to the anniversary date of this Lease, the Landlord shall be mailed either a Request for New Contract Rent or a Request for Lease Approval. If a Request for New Contract Rent is sent to the Landlord, the Landlord shall request a new rent for the following year. The requested rent must be approved by the Section 8 Office. If a Request for Lease Approval is sent to the Landlord, the Landlord and Tenant shall utilize this form to request changes in the Lease for the following year. After approval of a proposed new Lease by the PHA in accordance with HUD regulations, the Landlord may offer the Tenant Family the proposed new Lease for execution on behalf of the Tenant Family, for a term beginning at any time after the first year of the term of this Lease. The Landlord shall give the Tenant written notice of the offer, with copy to the PHA, at least sixty days before the proposed commencement date of the new Lease term. The offer may specify a reasonable time limit for acceptance by the Tenant Family.

M. TERMINATION OF LEASE BY TENANT

The Tenant may terminate the Lease without cause at any time after the first year of the term of the Lease, on not more than sixty days nor less than 30 days written notice by the Tenant to the Landlord (with copy to the PHA). (The provisions of this subsection (M) are not intended to limit any right of the Tenant to terminate the Lease where so provided elsewhere in the Lease).

N. DISCRIMINATION

The Landlord shall not discriminate against the Tenant Family in the provision of services, or in any other manner, on the grounds of age, race, color, creed, religion, sex, handicap, national origin, or familial status.

O. COMBINING NOTICES

Any notice under paragraph (K), (L), or (M) of this section may be combined with and run concurrently with any notice required under State or local law.

P. ASSISTANCE CONTRACT

This Lease has been signed by the parties on the condition that the PHA will promptly execute a Housing Assistance Payments Contract or a Housing Voucher Contract with the Landlord. This Lease shall not become effective unless the

PHA has executed a Housing Assistance Payments Contract or Housing Voucher Contract with the Landlord effective the first day of the term of the Lease.

Q. PROHIBITED LEASE PROVISIONS

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Lease, any provision of the Lease which falls within the classifications below shall be inapplicable.

1. Confession of Judgement. Consent by the Tenant to be sued, to admit guilt, or to a judgement in favor of the Landlord in a lawsuit brought in connection with the Lease.
2. Treatment of Property. Agreement by the Tenant that the Landlord may take or hold the Tenant Family's property, or may sell such property without notice to the Tenant and a court decision on the rights of the parties.
3. Excusing Landlord from Responsibility. Agreement by the Tenant not to hold the Landlord or Landlord's agent legally responsible for any action or failure to act, whether intentional or negligent.
4. Waiver of Legal Notice. Agreement by the Tenant that the Landlord may institute a lawsuit without notice to tenant.
5. Waiver of Court Proceeding for Eviction. Agreement by the Tenant that the Landlord may evict the Tenant Family (i) without instituting a civil court proceeding in which the Family has the opportunity to present a defense, or (ii) before a decision by the court on the rights of the parties.
6. Waiver of Jury Trial. Authorization to the Landlord to Waive the Tenant's right to a trial by jury.
7. Waiver of Right to Appeal Court Decision. Authorization to the Landlord to waive the Tenant's right to appeal a court decision or to waive the Tenant's right to sue to prevent a judgement from being put into effect.
8. Tenant Chargeable with Cost of Legal Actions Regardless of Outcome of Lawsuit. Agreement by the Tenant to pay lawyer's fees or other legal costs whenever the Landlord decides to sue, whether or not the Tenant wins.

SIGNATURES:

LANDLORD: KENNETH TAYLOR
 BY: [Signature]
 DATE: 8-27-93
 ADDRESS: 6226 ORCHARD LE
CINTI, O ZIP CODE 45213
 TELEPHONE (HOME): 271-8878
 BUSINESS: 271-8878

TENANT: CAROL O'NEAL
 BY: [Signature]
 DATE: 8-27-93
 ADDRESS: 215 E. Rochelle
 ZIP CODE 45219
 TELEPHONE (HOME): 281-5144
 BUSINESS: 421-0378



County of Hamilton

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

STEVEN J. CHABOT
JOHN S. DOWLIN
GUY C. GUCKENBERGER
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DAVID J. KRINGS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ROOM 507 COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
138 EAST COURT STREET

CINCINNATI, OHIO 45202

October 19, 1993

JAMES R. LOWRY
DIRECTOR

DAN DOMIS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

PHONES:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(513) 632-8754

HOUSING
(513) 632-8771

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE TO LEASE AND HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS CONTRACT

EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGE: 11-1-93

OWNER'S NAME: Ken Taylor

TENANT'S NAME: Carol O'Neal

ADDRESS: 6226 Orchard Lane

ADDRESS: 4938 Plainville Rd.

CITY: Cincinnati STATE: OH ZIP: 45213

CITY: Madisonville STATE: OH ZIP: 45227

This form serves as an amendment to the Lease and the Housing Assistance Payments Contracts. As a result of the information the tenant has provided to Section 8, the following is a summary of the changes:

HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS CONTRACT

1. Family portion of rent.....\$ 151.00 per month
2. Hamilton County (PHA) Assistance Payment.....\$ 391.00 per month

LEASE

Amount of rent: The total rent shall be \$ 542.00 per month. The tenant shall pay \$ 151.00 per month and the Hamilton County Section 8 Program shall pay \$ 391.00 per month.

Other Changes to the Lease: Please add tenant's step sons (Jermaine Hudson and Cortez Hudson) to lease, they are now residing in the unit.

If the Tenant's share of rent has increased, the Tenant is eligible for an informal hearing if the Tenant believes a mistake has been made. To arrange an informal hearing, the Tenant must call Susan Walsh at 632-8772 no later than November 2, 1993

Sincerely,

Lana Mortese
Housing Specialist II

cc: tenant

Ex.